State	Revenue Earned (In lakhs)
Karnataka	3050.762
Gujarat	1014.763
Uttar Pradesh	2203.600
Madhya Pradesh	403.777
Andhra Pradesh	249.169
Total	**27909.478**

(c) and (d) The AIR sets up FM Stations from time to time on the basis of approved plan, availability of resources and approval of the competent authority. Applications for 2nd Phase of private FM Radio Stations have not yet been invited. For Community Radio Stations 13 more license agreements have been signed after completion of formalities.

TV/Radio programmes in Agartala

2703. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the period in hours over a week covered by the programmes of the tribal artists in the radio and TV Channels of Agartala;

(b) the basis of selection of the artists;

(c) whether Government are aware that the programmes derogatory to tribal/non-tribal harmony, are very often performed in the radio/programmes at Agartala; and

(d) whether Government would collect information from the knowledgeable sources and take necessary remedial steps?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR, Agartala broadcasts tribal programmes for a duration of 11 hours 5 minutes in a week whereas DDK, Agartala telecasts such programmes for a period of 5 hours 45 minutes per week.

(b) The artists are selected by the Audition Committee set up by AIR as per the prescribed rules and are offered programmes accordingly. DDK, Agartala offers programmes to artists auditioned and graded by AIR Agartala

as well as unapproved artists as per the programme requirements.

(c) and (d) No such information/report is available on the programmes derogatory to tribal/non-tribal harmony in AIR, Agartala so far.

DAVP rates for advertisements

2704. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that till 2002 DAVP was paying for advertisements at one rate for a single edition of a newspaper even if some of its copies were printed from different printing centres, and changing this practice has caused problems for newspapers and losses also;

(b) whether Government are also aware that the newspaper industry has represented for restoration of the *status-quo ante;*

(c) if so, whether this demand has been considered; and

(d) by when a final decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) DAVP was paying for advertisements at one rate for single edition of newspaper for the copies even printed from different printing centres. However, on recommendations of the Rate Structure Committee, each edition of a chain group of newspaper printed in one place is being treated as separate entity on merit of its circulation and is being offered separate rate w.e.f. 1st October, 2002.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A new Rate Structure Committee has been constituted to carry out a comprehensive review of existing rate structure for DAVP advertisements and to suggest a new rate structure formula to be effective from 1st October, 2005. The Committee, *inter-alia*, will also look into the feasibility of combined rates to multi-edition newspapers in place of separate rate for each edition.

Review of uplinking policy for news and current affairs

2705. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state: